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FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Board of Directors

OF THE

MERCANTILE LIBRARY COMPANY

OF PHILADELPHIA.

JANUARY, 1882.

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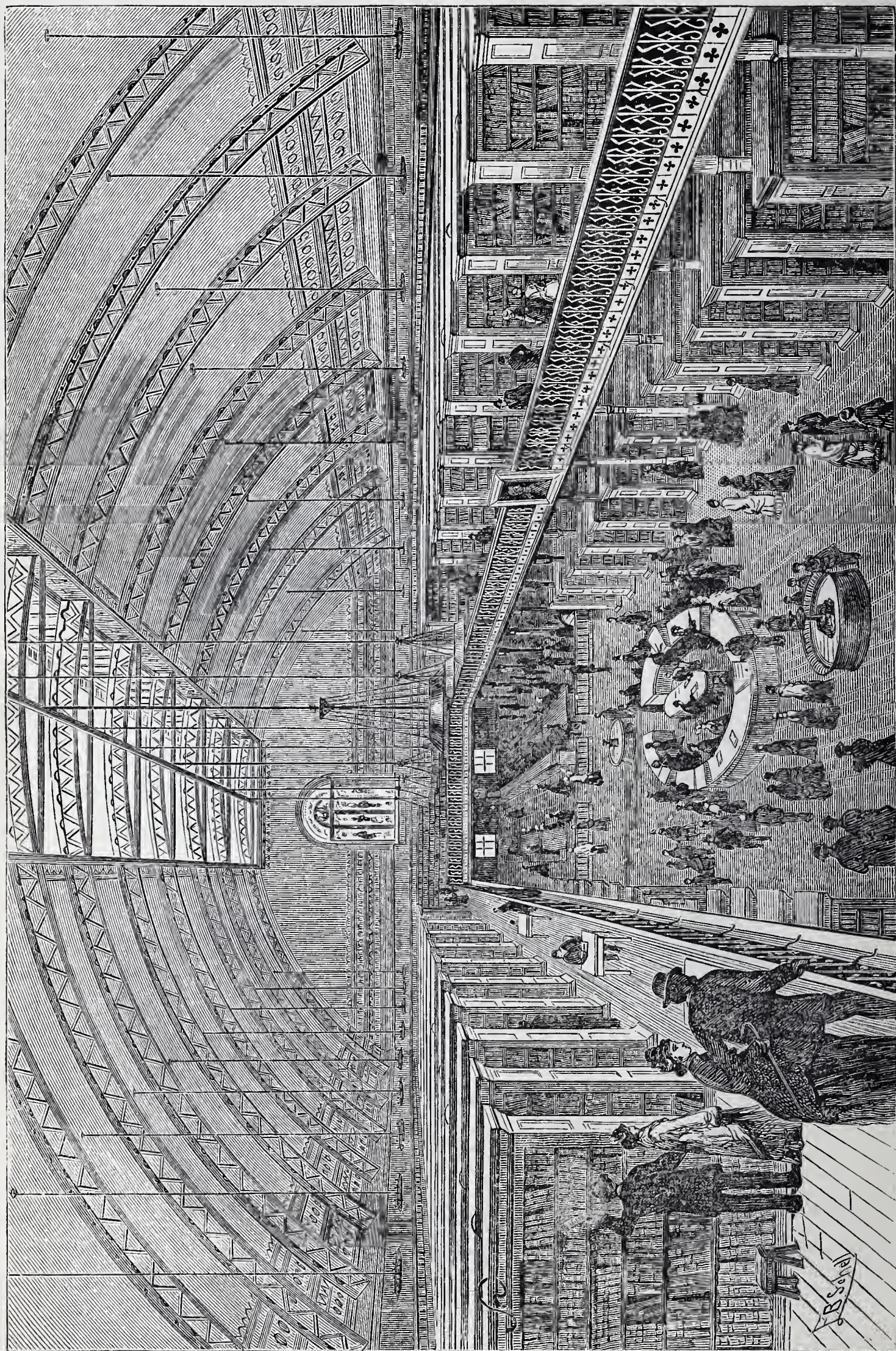
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FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT.

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE MERCANTILE LIBRARY COMPANY
OF PHILADELPHIA:

In submitting herewith their Fifty-ninth Annual Report, the Board of Management have little to present that is novel. The year just closed has not been with us an eventful one in any respect. In some particulars there has been progress, though of no very marked character. While its influence has not been all that it ought and perhaps might have been, still the institution has been in a quiet way doing a very important work in stimulating and shaping the intellectual life of this community.

Mortgage Debt.

During the year the remaining indebtedness against our property in the mortgage of \$20,000, which was placed upon it in 1878, partly in place of the ground rent of \$50,000 which was extinguished in that year, has been paid off. As it has been difficult to obtain safe and remunerative investments, a portion of the \$10,000 paid in during the year for timber sold on the Williamson lands, as detailed in our last Report, has been temporarily applied to the payment of this mortgage; but with a guarantee that the interest be added to the Williamson Fund, so that it will suffer no loss.

We may now therefore congratulate ourselves on being virtually out of debt; the mortgage which was created in 1878 to trustees who are members of our Board being in reality a fund for the replacement and purchase of books, as explained in the Report for that year.

Finances.

Notwithstanding some falling off in the receipts from membership fees, the total of our ordinary receipts is nearly equal to that of the preceding year; and there have been no unusual demands upon our treasury. On account of a reduction in the working expenses of the institution, we have been able to purchase a larger number of books than in either of the two previous years.

Use of Library.

During the year the number of visitors to the rooms on business days and on Sundays has fallen off considerably, while on holidays there was an increase. In the number of volumes loaned for home use there was also a marked increase; the excess being nearly 13,000 volumes over the previous year. These facts seem to show that with the revival of business, people have had less time to spend in the library rooms, while the desire and purpose to read has not abated.

Change of Rule.

In our last Report, reference was made to a modification of the rule so as to allow the loan of two separate works on each account. This change has been found to be satisfactory and advantageous; so much so that the Board have deemed it safe and wise to take an additional step in the direction of liberality, by allowing the two books to be taken at different times, *if the receipt ticket is shown*, as evidence that the books are wanted for the owner of the share.

As was anticipated, the alteration of the rule so as to reckon the charge for detention of books beyond the prescribed time, and for extra books taken, by the *work* instead of by the *volume*, has resulted in a slight loss to the Library (\$137.90), notwithstanding an increase in the number of volumes loaned. And yet viewing the matter in the light of the year's experience we do not regret the change.

Reservation of Books.

The provision made some months ago, and referred to in the last Report, for recording applications for books and notifying applicants when they are returned, has been taken advantage of to a considerable extent, and has been found to give very general satisfaction.

Order in the Rooms.

It has been a marked peculiarity of this Library from the first that the book-cases have been kept open and every member has had the privilege of going directly to the shelves to make his own selection of books for reading and study—an advantage which is enjoyed in no other large library in the world. The value of this privilege has been much enhanced by the recent re-arrangement of the books into smaller and more clearly defined classes, and the placing of the books in alphabetical order on the shelves. Members would derive still greater advantage from this free access to the shelves if more care were taken to replace the books that have been used in their proper position in the cases. And especially would the convenience of all frequenters of the Reading Room be served if members would take the little trouble to return the magazines to the places designated for them, so that others could readily find them.

Abuse of Books.

Another evil which we experience as one of the consequences of this direct accessibility of the books is seen in the damage done to them by rough and careless handling and by positive mutilation. The former, doubtless, results from lack of thought as to what treatment is due to books, considered as embodying the best thoughts of the choice spirits of the world, and it would seem as if a *bare reference* to the matter would suffice to secure for them considerate treatment.

From the positive and purposed mutilation of our books we have suffered a great deal ; and the evil is one that, in our

liberal plan of administration, it is next to impossible to eradicate. We deem it imperative upon us, however, to call attention to the subject with a view of fostering a public sentiment that shall avail to the abatement of the evil as far as possible.

Binding.

The constant use of a large part of our library and the fragile condition as to binding of most of the new books that are purchased, together with the steady deterioration of the older portion of the library from the dryness of the air in our highly heated rooms, necessitate a large amount of binding and repairing. The operations of our bindery continue to be measurably satisfactory, and show the wisdom of having this work done under our immediate supervision. The number of volumes which have passed through the hands of our binder during the year is 9,413, as against 7,581 in the year 1880; and the cost of the work was \$2818.30. In addition to the repairing done in the bindery, a large number of volumes have received slight repairs in the repair room of the library by our own assistants.

Insurance.

The property of the Company is well protected by insurance in companies of established reputation. The amount now carried on the building is \$75,000, in ten companies; and on the books, furniture and fixtures, \$80,000, in twenty-three companies.

Lectures.

In the early years of our institution it was the practice to maintain courses of lectures; and this was quite germane to the objects for which the Library was established. It is believed this mode of instruction and entertainment under proper adaptations to the altered conditions of society may be advantageously revived and made a permanent feature of our association.

Learning that the distinguished English historian, Edward A. Freeman, LL.D., D.C.L., was coming to this country to make

a personal examination and study of our civil and political institutions, and to deliver lectures before the Lowell Institute in Boston, and at different Universities, we opened correspondence with him; and he has been engaged to give a course of six lectures at Association Hall, on the Practical Bearings of General European History. The first lecture will be given on Tuesday evening, February 14th, and the others on the succeeding Friday and Tuesday evenings. These lectures, which are the fruit of mature study, have been received with great favor where they have been heard, and we feel safe in promising a rich treat to those who may avail of the opportunity of hearing them.

We earnestly hope that our members generally will show their interest in this measure by procuring tickets at once, and use their influence to induce others to purchase them.

Relations to the Public.

Within a few years the attention of the American people has been directed to public libraries as it never had been before; and in very many towns and cities such libraries have been established by private enterprise and under provisions of State law. With this awakened interest there has come a more correct understanding of the place which libraries hold in our system of education. And so it is made apparent that the members of our various library associations have other relations to them than that of *recipients of benefit*—relations of *duty* towards them, that are shared by the whole community in which the library is placed. The public library is an educational force in society, exerting its powerful influence, consciously or unconsciously to them, upon all the citizens. For this reason it is the concern of the whole public that the library be so constituted and so administered that this influence going forth from it be of a kind to contribute in the highest degree to the developement and culture of what is noblest and best in man.

This library has made great progress within a few years, and it has a strong hold upon the public esteem. But it has by no

means attained to the proportions required in a library for such a city as ours. It is for those who are now specially and formally interested in it, and for the general public as well, to say whether it shall continue in its present circumscribed sphere of influence, or whether it shall be lifted up into its due prominence in our community, and furnished with means to make it such a library as Philadelphia needs and will appreciate.

Statistics.

The Treasurer's Report and the tables showing in detail the condition and the working of the Library during the year will be found as appendixes to this Report.

T. MORRIS PEROT, PRESIDENT.

WILLIAM W. LAMBERT, SECRETARY.

STATISTICS.

Membership.

	Whole Number Jan. 1, 1881,	Additions During 1881.	Deductions During 1881.	Whole Number Jan. 1, 1882
Perpetual Shares,	95			95
Life Shares,	422	8.	4	426
Common Shares,	5,478			
Sold for cash in 1881,		7		
Converted for scrip in 1881,		1		
Forfeited,			566	4,920
				<hr/> 5,441
Subscribers,				130
				<hr/> 5,571

Books.

Number of volumes in Library, January 1st. 1881,	140,211
Additions during 1881 :	Volumes.
By purchase,	3,128
By binding periodicals and pamphlets,	254
By gift,	229
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	3,611
Deductions during 1881 :	Volumes.
By duplicates sold,	74
By volumes condemned,	348
By volumes lost,	265
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	687
Net additions,	<hr/> 2,924
Whole number of vols. Jan. 1. 1882 (by count),	143,135
“ “ “ “ “ after exclu-	
ding sale duplicates, (7,599),	135,536
Whole number of unbound pamphlets, Jan. 1, 1882,	8,782

Circulation.

Greatest number of volumes issued in one day, April 2,	1,164
Least number of volumes issued in any one day, Feb. 1,	197
Whole number issued during 1881,	153,186
Average daily circulation (305 days of issue),	502

Visits to the Rooms.

Number on business days, 305 days,	313,360
Average,	1,027
Number on Sundays, 52 days,	28,000
Average,	538
Number on holidays, 7 days,	7,066
Average,	1,177
Number during the whole year, 364 days,	348,426
Average,	956

Periodicals.

	American.	Foreign.	Total.
Quarterlies,	17	18	35
Monthlies,	83	54	137
Weeklies,	212	42	254
Dailies,	88	4	92
Issued at other intervals,	12	5	17
	<hr/> 412	<hr/> 123	<hr/> 535

Binding in 1881.

Bound in $\frac{1}{2}$ morocco,	2,144 volumes.
“ “ cloth,	1,561 “
Put in patent binders,	1,951 “
Repaired,	905 “
Stamped and lettered,	2,852 “
Total,	<hr/> 9,413
Expenses, \$2,818.30.	

Library Funds.

BECK FUND.—Legacy of Paul Beck, Jr., in 1845. Principal \$100, invested in City Loan.
Income to date, (36 years), \$190.

COPE FUND.—Gift of Thomas P. Cope, in 1851. Principal \$1,000, invested in Bond of Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Co.
Income to date (31 years), \$1,836.50.

MORTON FUND.—Gift of Samuel C. Morton, in 1865. Principal \$1,000, invested in Mortgage on Real Estate in the City. Income to date, (17 years), \$1,063.48.

WALN FUND.—Gift of S. Morris Waln, in 1867. Principal \$700, invested in City Loan.
Income to date, (11 years), \$483.

WILLIAMSON FUND.—Gift of Isaiah V. Williamson, in 1870 and 1873. Consists of

12 Ground Rents, . . .	\$8,416 67
3 Houses, value, . . .	3,500 00
Colorado Rolling Stock Trust,	10,000 00
Secured Note, . . .	10,000 00
In Sinking Fund, . . .	10,000 00

\$41,916 67

1,600 acres of land in Clinton County, unproductive at present.

Income to date, (11 years), . . .	\$8,294 86
Less taxes and costs	2,162 67

\$6,132 19

BOOK FUND.—Established 1879. Income, \$414 00.

JOHN H. WATT, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH

Dr.

To Interest on Funds, Beck,	.	.	.	.	\$6 00	
" " " Cope,	.	.	.	.	60 00	
" " " Library,	.	.	.	.	198 00	
" " " Morton,	.	.	.	.	60 00	
" " " Waln,	.	.	.	.	42 00	
" " " Williamson,	.	.	.	.	1,728 53	2,094 53
" Membership, Taxes,	.	.	.	.	18,604 50	
" " Subscriptions,	.	.	.	.	802 00	
" " Extra Accounts,	.	.	.	.	9 00	
" " Loan of Extra Books,	.	.	.	.	1,238 15	
" " Fines on Books,	.	.	.	.	1,029 30	21,682 95
" Sale of Stock,	.	.	.	.	70 00	
" " Life Memberships,	.	.	.	.	120 00	190 00
" Sale of Catalogues,	.	.	.	.	8 25	
" " Duplicate Books,	.	.	.	.	52 88	
" " Papers,	.	.	.	.	35 00	96 13
" Interest on Deposits,	.	.	.	.	942 07	
" Rent,	.	.	.	.	1,062 00	
" Williamson Fund,	.	.	.	.	10,000 00	
" Pittsburgh Bonds,	.	.	.	.	6,463 50	
" Insurance returned,	.	.	.	.	52 30	
" Temporary Loan,	.	.	.	.	1,800 00	20,319 87
Total,	.	.	.	.	.	\$44,383 48
Balance from 1880,	.	.	.	.	.	2,013 18
						\$46,396 66

Examined, compared with vouchers, and found correct,

EDWARD BAINS,
WM. B. ROGERS, JR., } *Auditing Committee.*
ALFRED MELLOR,

THE MERCANTILE LIBRARY CO., 1881.

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BOOK ACCOUNT.

By Books,	\$3,505 88
" Periodicals,	1,749 19
" Binding,	2,818 30
" Insurance on Books,	555 00

\$8,628 37

BUILDING ACCOUNT.

" Improvements and repairs,	420 73
" Interest,	1,080 00

1,500 73

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

" Salaries,	6,971 36
" Light,	3,222 03
" Fuel,	1,107 95
" Water and Ice,	300 16
" Postage and Stamps,	77 00
" Advertising,	219 15
" Incidentals,	158 91

12,056 56

SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

" Printing,	248 33
" Blank Books and Stationery,	16 75

265 08

" Williamson Fund,	187 48
" Library Fund,	1,800 00
" Mortgage,	20,818 28

22,805 76

Total,	45,256 50
Cash on hand, Jan. 2, 1882,	1,140 16

\$46,396 66

JOHN H. WATT,

Treasurer.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 10, 1882.

STATISTICS OF THE MERCANTILE LIBRARY, 1822 TO 1881.

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st.	TAXES OF STOCKHOLDERS.	PAYMENTS BY SUBSCRIBERS.	SALES OF STOCK.	LOAN OF EXTRA BOOKS.	FINES ON BOOKS.	TOTAL RECEIPTS.	PAID FOR BOOKS	PAID FOR PERIODICALS.	PAID FOR BINDING.	TOTAL COST OF READING MATTER.
1822	.	.	.	.	.	\$820 06	\$756 93	\$6 00	.	\$762 93
1823	.	.	.	.	.	408 00	203 14	8 50	.	211 64
1824	* \$72 00	.	.	.	.	97 00	218 18	.	\$1 90	220 08
1825	.	.	.	.	.	345 00	94 34	11 00	.	105 34
1826	* 198 00	.	\$620 00	.	\$4 77	862 77	227 32	34 13	17 40	278 85
1827	* 330 00	.	1223 00	.	.	1573 00	403 45	104 75	22 26	530 46
1828	216 50	\$180 00	702 00	.	.	1098 50	246 98	88 50	106 64	442 12
1829	* 550 50	.	921 00	.	.	1594 00	686 08	107 54	112 48	906 11
1830	* 532 25	.	458 00	.	18 51	1123 15	398 14	98 00	117 97	614 11
1831	485 00	208 00	264 00	.	56 41	1590 49	609 13	62 00	79 41	750 54
1832	841 50	234 00	311 00	.	52 21	1485 33	309 83	119 65	85 28	514 76
1833	986 00	279 39	115 00	.	53 49	1464 05	314 59	115 46	97 10	527 15
1834	879 75	270 00	65 00	.	38 16	1280 65	233 05	89 31	55 90	378 26
1835	830 00	283 50	40 00	.	48 81	1231 74	288 56	100 00	58 40	446 96
1836	827 25	247 50	260 00	.	53 61	2892 56	377 03	35 00	43 55	455 58
1837	1271 12	414 12	302 00	.	42 08	3293 00	286 17	86 50	52 12	424 79
1838	1016 66	386 50	547 00	.	70 29	2091 95	317 67	188 95	78 36	584 98
1839	1055 00	326 50	450 00	.	65 44	1932 25	284 26	118 40	130 65	533 31
1840	1084 50	359 00	580 00	.	59 82	3529 19	508 28	81 00	127 62	716 90
1841	1189 00	350 00	510 00	.	88 31	2191 81	418 87	141 44	185 42	745 73
1842	1274 50	222 00	100 00	.	55 36	3187 50	291 49	200 73	129 19	621 41
1843	1251 50	147 50	20 00	.	29 83	2210 88	479 45	244 05	155 83	879 33
1844	1268 00	144 50	152 00	.	49 77	16100 01	167 25	159 26	98 01	424 52
1845	1563 25	119 00	600 00	.	57 28	5009 72	250 25	171 35	119 47	541 07
1846	1816 00	105 00	210 00	.	82 24	6432 68	428 70	188 90	184 20	801 80
1847	1907 50	113 00	120 00	.	91 93	5502 55	560 44	383 72	248 77	1192 93
1848	1897 75	114 25	150 00	.	102 81	5759 22	520 66	202 42	246 33	969 41
1849	2191 25	82 75	110 00	.	87 70	6266 84	736 12	400 64	262 96	1399 72
1850	2366 25	108 25	97 00	.	36 31	6186 69	376 43	294 60	207 94	879 07
1851	2290 00	127 00	150 00	.	28 88	6513 46	.	.	.	807 71
1852	3182 75	122 00	60 00	.	22 96	6960 96	1100 15	330 30	110 62	1541 07
1853	2652 50	111 00	80 00	.	26 34	6410 38	973 04	315 25	135 59	1425 04
1854	2606 75	129 00	200 00	.	29 47	6327 82	463 00	361 00	188 54	1012 54
1855	2424 50	107 00	120 00	.	67 70	6957 10	721 38	379 95	536 70	1638 03
1856	3053 25	95 00	20 00	.	83 60	6802 59	624 65	350 49	269 30	1243 44
1857	3168 50	81 00	254 00	.	47 10	7850 72	976 23	308 86	207 05	1492 14
1858	3352 50	195 75	325 25	.	50 25	7665 87	1652 69	440 04	217 25	2310 12
1859	3453 00	429 00	467 00	.	55 10	7704 79	3650 61	497 53	259 28	4407 37
1860	3866 25	867 25	3304 25	.	135 48	11351 19	2814 73	977 76	392 19	4185 48
1861	4310 00	1246 50	740 00	\$55 60	423 27	9600 50	2061 42	920 10	767 82	3749 34
1862	4323 00	1249 50	479 00	25 70	287 75	9053 26	1633 99	765 39	504 13	2973 51
1863	4870 00	1421 00	5774 00	49 60	327 35	15979 70	3532 34	1030 25	873 21	5435 80
1864	13938 75	1422 00	730 00	188 10	1158 70	21921 65	8060 28	1105 66	1071 22	10237 16
1865	16373 50	2075 00	1150 00	427 75	1705 01	27821 42	8371 61	2061 05	2104 03	12536 69
1866	16716 25	2005 00	1116 80	608 65	2069 85	27924 41	6210 93	1938 97	2946 83	11096 73
1867	16304 00	1845 00	3278 00	989 93	2319 65	45706 04	7054 59	2045 46	1654 80	10754 95
1868	16121 25	1565 00	1330 00	1220 55	2088 60	43343 93	3235 85	1821 46	1456 12	6513 43
1869	16459 50	1957 00	1510 00	1450 75	1950 00	52978 66	6708 01	1401 64	1612 31	9721 96
1870	21213 98	1893 00	527 34	1680 80	2077 30	40751 81	5468 02	2018 79	2048 73	9534 54
1871	28074 90	1420 00	977 70	1950 60	1964 50	48703 00	5002 75	1718 43	1387 23	8108 51
1872	35478 05	1104 00	390 00	2191 20	2991 95	48648 48	12546 59	2181 27	3280 78	18008 64
1873	35037 35	1224 00	310 00	2823 10	2899 10	52457 71	11934 64	2187 84	3848 53	17971 01
1874	33506 15	1232 00	450 00	2991 20	2811 50	51934 55	15521 94	2012 30	3853 31	21837 55
1875	34210 05	1152 00	240 00	3185 60	2601 75	44834 72	15159 68	2465 24	2788 29	20413 21
1876	31163 95	1384 00	190 00	3096 40	2568 70	41620 44	10257 13	2317 72	3725 61	16300 46
1877	26492 00	1056 00	190 00	2247 50	1778 60	33699 34	8233 68	2494 56	4063 88	14792 12
1878	24583 10	848 00	120 00	2263 55	1436 20	30879 30	7259 14	1846 60	4225 80	13331 54
1879	22152 10	848 00	360 00	1548 05	1190 15	30724 34	3001 32	2065 38	3076 86	8721 41
1880	19931 30	808 00	230 00	1423 80	981 55	26824 63	2865 88	1634 21	2773 97	7829 06
1881	18604 50	802 00	190 00	1238 15	1029 30	27067 68	3505 88	1749 19	2818 30	8073 37

*Including subscribers.

STATISTICS OF THE MERCANTILE LIBRARY, 1822 TO 1881.

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st.	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL RECEIPTS.	PAID FOR SALARIES.	PAID FOR LIGHT.	PAID FOR FUEL.	*NUMBER OF MEMBERS.	TRANSFERS.	VOLUMES ADDED.	VOLUMES IN LIBRARY.	CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.	NEWSPAPERS RECEIVED.	PERIODICALS RECEIVED
1822	93	\$75 00	\$11 62	\$9 47	300	...	471	471	...	...	1
1823	52	100 00	24 43	6 91	362	...	...	...	...	2	1
1824	227	100 00	12 00	11 55	391	...	259	1500	...	...	1
1825	31	100 00	43 93	5 76	433	...	...	...	...	5	1
1826	32	119 61	27 06	8 18	463	...	...	...	...	5	2
1827	32	112 50	43 75	1 97	593	...	449	...	...	6	3
1828	40	162 50	44 56	...	347	...	400	2118	...	6	4
1829	57	160 00	186 37	...	440	...	800	2918	8000	11	3
1830	54	131 25	63 38	...	490	16	402	2320	8430	13	4
1831	47	150 00	178 61	...	500	27	492	3812	...	6	4
1832	34	222 50	213 68	49 21	550	36	248	4000	9585	11	8
1833	36	313 50	272 55	11 75	552	34	166	4184	9183	9	12
1834	29	307 50	257 68	7 70	570	34	326	4489	12311	7	11
1835	36	310 00	48 55	...	...	47	...	...	...	6	11
1836	15	310 00	410 53	10 00	...	38	...	4565	...	4	11
1837	12	329 50	325 32	86 07	...	42	138	4703	...	...	...
1838	22	382 00	231 49	50 64	675	59	394	5097	...	...	...
1839	27	417 00	279 99	19 45	748	46	509	6008	...	...	...
1840	19	420 00	323 14	...	761	52	516	6494	14690	...	...
1841	21	482 50	286 95	17 87	812	38	1184	7678	15400	...	35
1842	19	482 50	268 93	...	812	44	350	8028	...	...	...
1843	39	467 87	258 29	14 62	804	55	419	8447	10260	...	25
1844	24	462 00	211 82	14 63	814	37	221	8668	10938	...	...
1845	13	522 00	172 45	13 00	1004	46	1611	10279	14798	...	...
1846	12	475 50	513 70	240 00	1009	62	641	10920	18901	...	...
1847	21	530 00	470 98	210 00	1151	60	637	11425	33372	...	43
1848	17	665 00	368 74	121 50	1241	32	661	12232	...	...	...
1849	22	841 67	302 49	264 00	1357	74	317	12549	...	...	...
1850	14	800 00	343 09	191 50	1474	80	600	13149	28000	...	...
1851	12	1275 00	335 98	161 75	1573	71	600	10500	32000	...	...
1852	22	1500 00	278 81	251 50	1622	94	744	11244	35900	...	...
1853	43	1500 00	214 15	200 00	1650	86	996	11200	...	...	...
1854	16	1500 00	281 58	...	1740	72	650	12000	45000	...	...
1855	24	1757 25	247 34	450 00	1775	126	700	12700	...	...	...
1856	18	1867 49	320 70	309 82	1682	103	775	13400	...	...	...
1857	19	1947 34	462 12	261 66	1771	107	1120	14500	41000	...	...
1858	30	1972 76	395 66	217 25	1828	80	1355	16000	46300	38	46
1859	57	2331 00	384 55	176 60	1801	112	2875	18800	52170	37	52
1860	32	2376 00	446 30	184 80	2165	137	2525	21500	87500	...	...
1861	39	2725 00	721 00	102 40	2216	151	1185	22700	71500	...	...
1862	33	2251 67	589 98	207 68	2270	144	1351	23800	68867	147	66
1863	34	2697 01	565 98	302 50	2833	143	3858	27000	...	162	84
1864	45	4028 85	732 24	455 00	5609	500	5165	32000	161440	166	86
1865	45	5300 34	943 29	353 70	6128	513	7505	38000	169211	221	95
1866	40	6071 23	1010 08	298 60	6167	446	4797	40000	177003	195	107
1867	24	6479 68	945 80	257 10	6317	298	4563	44307	160436	201	126
1868	15	6572 50	857 33	509 85	6377	318	2347	46243	135018	207	133
1869	18	6692 50	1736 50	925 00	6635	254	4743	50046	134363	222	141
1870	23	6894 25	3610 67	1101 75	6577	432	7136	56438	148961	226	150
1871	17	6811 00	2982 02	895 90	11786	521	7364	63874	196308	260	162
1872	37	9349 15	3074 46	1038 00	11321	554	19605	83093	268277	305	187
1873	34	10264 04	3225 06	1264 00	11206	559	15807	97683	256161	326	185
1874	41	10791 50	3085 68	1141 71	11273	687	17004	109943	237341	335	168
1875	45	10734 65	3245 53	1345 50	10401	797	15843	123668	231654	342	165
1876	39	10442 35	3107 53	1789 11	9207	453	8470	130814	228016	350	167
1877	44	10550 00	2120 30	1421 79	8296	380	6907	129046	184674	337	165
1878	43	10769 83	3732 96	1124 37	7349	320	8167	136358	186834	397	171
1879	28	9162 00	3167 06	899 23	6752	329	2734	136765	168040	390	165
1880	27	8225 40	3182 52	614 71	6115	285	4047	140211	140261	375	163
1881	30	6971 36	3222 03	1107 95	5571	184	3611	143135	153186	363	172

*Including subscribers.

ANNUAL MEETING.

PHILADELPHIA, *January 17th, 1882.*

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Mercantile Library Company was held this Evening in the Lecture Room ; and was called to order at eight o'clock, by the President of the Board of Directors, Mr. T. Morris Perot, upon whose nomination Mr. John H. Atwood was elected chairman.

The minutes of the last Annual meeting, held January 18th, 1881, were read and approved.

The Annual Report of the Directors was read by Mr. Barnwell, and approved.

The Report of the Treasurer showing a balance to the credit of the General Fund of \$1035.15, and the Sinking Fund of \$105.01, was read and approved.

The following persons were nominated for Directors for the ensuing year, to be voted for at the annual election to be held February 21st next.

JOHN H. WATT,
WILLIAM A. ROLIN,
JAMES G. BARNWELL,

JOHN P. NICHOLSON,
WILLIAM B. ROGERS, JR.,
EDWARD M. NEEDLES.

The Chairman appointed the following persons as tellers to conduct the election :

A. BYERLY WELLS,
CHAS. H. PHILIPS,

F. H. WOODWARD,
JOHN C. MAULE.

On motion adjourned.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT,
Recording Secretary.

LIST OF PAPERS

ON FILE IN THE

NEWSPAPER ROOM.

The letters A. B. C., etc., designate the Stands on which the papers may be found, and the figures following the letters mark the position of the papers on the Stands.

Register,	Alabama,	Mobile,	B. 10,	W
Chronicle, <i>gift</i> ,	Arizona,	Globe,	M.	"
Arizona Miner,	"	Prescott,	M.	"
Arkansas Gazette,	Arkansas,	Little Rock,	A. 11,	"
Spirit of Arkansas, <i>gift</i> ,	"	" "	L.	"
Enterprise, <i>gift</i> ,	California,	Healdsburg,	M.	"
Russian River Flag, <i>gift</i> ,	"	"	M.	"
Gazette, <i>gift</i> ,	"	Mariposa,	M.	"
Union,	"	Sacramento,	A. 14,	S. W
Commercial Herald,	"	San Francisco,	A. 14,	W
California Farmer, <i>gift</i>	"	"	M.	"
Morning Call,	"	"	A. 15,	D
News Letter, <i>gift</i> ,	"	"	M.	W
Post, <i>gift</i> ,	"	"	A. 14,	"
Gazette, <i>gift</i> ,	Colorado,	Col. Springs,	A. 1,	"
Rocky Mountain Herald, <i>gift</i> ,	"	Denver,	A. 2,	"
Rocky Mountain News,	"	"	A. 3,	D
Tribune, <i>gift</i> ,	"	"	A. 1,	W
Courant,	Connecticut,	Hartford,	F. 7,	D
Republican, <i>gift</i> ,	Dakota,	Fargo,	A. 7,	W
Times, <i>gift</i> ,	"	Springfield,	M.	"
Press & Dakotian,	"	Yankton.	A. 7,	"
Sussex Journal,	Delaware,	Georgetown,	B. 37,	"
Every Ev'ng & Com'rc'l, <i>gift</i> ,	"	Wilmington,	B. 35,	D
Morning News, <i>gift</i> ,	"	"	B. 36,	"
Star, <i>gift</i> ,	"	"	B. 37,	W
State Journal, <i>gift</i> ,	"	"	B. 37,	"
Sentinel, <i>gift</i> ,	D. C.,	Washington,	B. 38,	"
Evening Star,	"	"	B. 40,	D
Union,	Florida,	Jacksonville,	B. 12,	W
Southern Watchman, <i>gift</i> ,	Georgia,	Athens,	B. 9,	"
Constitution,	"	Atlanta,	B. 12,	"
Morning News,	"	Savannah,	B. 8,	D

Democrat, <i>gift</i> ,	Illinois,	Belleville,	A. 33,	W
Christian Instructor, <i>gift</i> ,	"	Chicago,	G.	"
Journal of Commerce, <i>gift</i> ,	"	"	A. 36,	"
Tribune	"	"	\. 35,	D
Railway Age,	"	"	L.	W
Skandinaven, <i>gift</i> ,	"	"	A. 33,	D
Verdens Gang, <i>gift</i> ,	"	"	A. 34,	W
Free Trader, <i>gift</i> ,	"	Ottawa,	A. 29,	"
Transcript, <i>gift</i> ,	"	Peoria,	A. 32,	D
State Journal,	"	Springfield,	A. 33,	W
Cherokee Advocate,	Indian Ter.,	Tahlequah,	M.	"
Journal,	Indiana,	Indianapolis,	A. 27,	"
People, <i>gift</i> ,	"	"	A. 26,	"
Gazette,	Iowa,	Davenport,	A. 2,	"
Times, <i>gift</i> ,	"	Fort Dodge,	L.	"
Times,	Kansas,	Leavenworth,	A. 5,	D
Democratic Standard, <i>gift</i> ,	"	"	A. 4,	W
Commonwealth,	"	Topeka,	A. 4,	"
Eagle,	"	Wichita,	A. 4,	"
Courier-Journal,	Kentucky,	Louisville,	B. 11,	D
Picayune,	Louisiana,	New Orleans,	B. 7,	"
Advertiser,	Maine,	Portland,	F. 1,	"
American,	Maryland,	Baltimore,	B. 39,	"
Methodist Protestant,	"	"	G.	W
Record, <i>gift</i> ,	"	Pokomoke,	B. 38,	"
Daily Advertiser,	Massachusetts,	Boston,	F. 5,	D
Christian Leader, <i>gift</i> ,	"	"	G.	W
Christian Register, <i>gift</i> ,	"	"	F. 9,	"
Commercial Bulletin,	"	"	F. 6,	"
Congregationalist,	"	"	F. 9,	"
Post,	"	"	F. 4,	D
Herald of Life, <i>gift</i> ,	"	Springfield,	F. 8,	W
Republican,	"	"	F. 8,	"
Post and Tribune,	Michigan,	Detroit,	A. 30,	D
Journal, <i>gift</i> ,	Minnesota,	Owatonna,	A. 28,	W
Pioneer Press,	"	St. Paul,	A. 28,	"
Southern States,	Mississippi,	Okolona,	B. 13,	"
Daily Journal,	Missouri,	Kansas City,	A. 10, D & T	W
State Journal, <i>gift</i> ,	"	Jefferson City,	L.	W
Age of Steel, <i>gift</i> ,	"	St. Louis,	L.	"
Commercial Gazette, <i>gift</i> ,	"	"	A. 11	"
Globe-Democrat,	"	"	A. 8,	D
Avant Courier, <i>gift</i> ,	Montana,	Bozeman,	A. 9,	W
Madisonian, <i>gift</i> ,	"	Virginia City,	A. 9,	"
Daily Bee, <i>gift</i> ,	Nebraska,	Omaha,	A. 13,	D
Nebraska Watchman, <i>gift</i> ,	"	"	L.	W

Independent Statesman, .	N. Hampshire, Concord,	F. 2,	W
Review, <i>gift</i> , . . .	New Jersey, Atlantic City,	B. 32,	"
Weekly Banner, <i>gift</i> , .	" Beverly,	B. 31,	"
Dollar News, <i>gift</i> , . .	" Bridgeton,	B. 29,	"
West Jersey Pioneer, <i>gift</i> , .	" "	B. 27,	"
West Jersey Press, <i>gift</i> , .	" Camden,	B. 26,	"
Democrat,	" "	B. 26,	"
Wave, <i>gift</i> ,	" Cape May,	B. 32,	"
Gazette, <i>gift</i> ,	" "	B. 31,	"
Chronicle, <i>gift</i> ,	" Moorestown,	B. 27,	"
Herald, <i>gift</i> ,	" Mount Holly,	B. 30,	"
New Jersey Mirror, <i>gift</i> , .	" "	B. 30,	"
Advertiser,	" Newark,	B. 34,	D
National Standard, <i>gift</i> , .	" Salem,	B. 28,	W
Sunbeam, <i>gift</i> ,	" "	B. 28,	"
State Gazette,	" Trenton,	B. 33,	D
Constitution,	" Woodbury,	B. 26,	W
Register, <i>gift</i> ,	" Woodstown,	B. 28,	"
Gazette, <i>gift</i> ,	New Mexico, Las Vegas,	M.	"
La Cronica del Rio Colorado, <i>gift</i> ,	" San Lorenzo,	M.	"
Red River Chronicle, <i>gift</i> , .	" "	M.	"
Evening Post, <i>gift</i> , . . .	New York, Albany,	C. 4,	D
Commercial Advertiser, . .	" Buffalo,	C. 15,	T. W
American Exchange, . . .	" New York,	C. 29,	D
Am. Gas-Light Journal, <i>gift</i> ,	" "	K.	S. W
Am. Pottery & Glass, <i>gift</i> ,	" "	K.	W
Army and Navy Journal, .	" "	C. 10,	"
Catholic Review, <i>gift</i> , . .	" "	G.	"
Christian Union,	" "	C. 3,	"
Churchman,	" "	C. 11,	"
Coal Trade Journal, . . .	" "	J.	"
Commercial Advertiser, . .	" "	C. 13,	D
Com. & Financial Chronicle,	" "	C. 18,	W
Evening Post,	" "	C. 6,	D
Examiner and Chronicle, .	" "	C. 2,	W
Graphic,	" "	C. 28,	D
Hassler's Fin'c'l Report, <i>gift</i> ,	" "	K.	"
Herald,	" "	C. 34, 35, 36,	"
Independent,	" "	C. 9,	W
Iron Age,	" "	C. 5,	"
Irish World, <i>gift</i> ,	" "	C. 17,	"
Jewish Messenger, <i>gift</i> , . .	" "	G.	"
Journal of Commerce, . .	" "	C. 37,	D
Ledger,	" "	K.	W
Mail and Express,	" "	C. 8,	D

Methodist,	New York,	New York,	G.	W
Mining Record,	"	"	C 25,	"
Observer,	"	"	C. 1,	"
Shipping & Commercial List,	"	"	C. 20,	S W
South, <i>gift</i> ,	"	"	C. 12,	M
Sun,	"	"	C 30 & 31,	D
Spirit of the Times,	"	"	C. 26,	W
Times,	"	"	C. 40 & 41,	D
Tribune,	"	"	C. 38 & 39,	"
Turf, Field and Farm,	"	"	K.	W
U. S. Economist and Dry Goods Reporter,	"	"	C. 19,	"
World,	"	"	C. 32 & 33,	D
North State,	N. Carolina,	Greensboro,	B. 6,	W
Star,	"	Wilmington,	B. 5,	"
Commercial,	Ohio,	Cincinnati,	A. 41,	D
Enquirer,	"	"	A. 39,	"
Volksfreund, <i>gift</i> ,	"	"	A. 40,	"
Trade List, <i>gift</i> ,	"	"	A. 4,	W
Herald, <i>gift</i> ,	"	Cleveland,	A. 38,	"
Blade,	"	Toledo,	A. 37,	"
Herald, <i>gift</i> ,	Oregon,	Albany,	A. 2,	"
Evening Mail, <i>gift</i> ,	Pennsylvania,	Allegheny,	E. 4,	D
Moravian,	"	Bethlehem,	G.	W
Journal, <i>gift</i> ,	"	Bloomsburg,	I.	"
Republican, <i>gift</i> ,	"	"	D. 11,	"
Observer, <i>gift</i> ,	"	Bristol,	D. 7,	"
Bucks Co. Gazette, <i>gift</i> ,	"	"	D. 6,	"
Herald, <i>gift</i> ,	"	Canonsburg,	E. 6,	"
Evening News, <i>gift</i> ,	"	Chester,	E. 10,	D
Delaware Co. Advocate, <i>gift</i> ,	"	"	D. 2,	W
Delaware Co. Democrat, <i>gift</i> ,	"	"	D. 2,	"
Delaware Co. Gazette, <i>gift</i> ,	"	"	D. 2,	"
Republican, <i>gift</i> ,	Pennsylvania,	Clearfield,	D. 9,	W
Chester Valley Union, <i>gift</i> ,	"	Coatesville,	D. 3,	"
Courant, <i>gift</i> ,	"	Columbia,	D. 11,	"
Montour American, <i>gift</i> ,	"	Danville,	D. 10,	"
Bucks co. Intelligencer, <i>gift</i> ,	"	Doylestown,	D. 6,	"
Democrat, <i>gift</i> ,	"	"	D. 6,	"
Dispatch,	"	Erie,	E. 1,	D
Westmoreland Dem'c't, <i>gift</i> ,	"	Greensburg,	D. 13,	W
Patriot, <i>gift</i> ,	"	Harrisburg,	E. 3,	D
Public Spirit, <i>gift</i> ,	"	Hatboro,	D. 5,	W
Del. Valley Advance, <i>gift</i> ,	"	Hulmeville,	D. 7,	"
Journal, <i>gift</i> ,	"	Huntingdon,	D. 13,	"
Examiner and Express,	"	Lancaster,	D. 8,	"

Carbon Advocate, <i>gift</i> ,	Pennsylvania,	Leighton,	D. 12,	"
Chronicle, <i>gift</i> ,	"	Lewisburg,	D. 14,	"
Democrat and Sentinel, <i>gift</i> ,	"	Lewistown,	D. 14,	"
Democrat, <i>gift</i> ,	"	Lockhaven,	D. 12,	"
Fulton Democrat, <i>gift</i> ,	"	M'Connellsburg,	D. 14,	"
Register, <i>gift</i> ,	"	Marietta,	D. 1,	"
Times, <i>gift</i> ,	"	"	D. 1,	"
Crawford Journal, <i>gift</i> ,	"	Meadville,	E. 12,	"
Delaware Co. Record, <i>gift</i> ,	"	Media,	D. 2,	"
Schuylkill Republican, <i>gift</i> ,	"	Minersville,	D. 12,	"
Independ't Republican, <i>gift</i> ,	"	Montrose,	D. 10,	"
Chronicle, <i>gift</i> ,	"	Morton,	I.	"
Perry Co. Times, <i>gift</i> ,	"	N. Bloomfield,	E. 6,	"
Clarion, <i>gift</i> ,	"	New Holland,	D. 8.	"
Herald and Free Press,	"	Norristown,	E. 8,	D
National Defender, <i>gift</i> ,	"	"	D. 4,	W
Daily Times, <i>gift</i> ,	"	"	E. 9,	D
Record, <i>gift</i> ,	"	North Wales,	D. 4,	W
Derrick,	"	Oil City,	D. 12,	"
Central News, <i>gift</i> ,	"	Perkasie,	D. 7,	"
American Exchange,	"	Philadelphia,	H.	M
Building Association and Home Journal,	"	"	I.	"
Bulletin of Iron and Steel Association, <i>gift</i> ,	"	"	J.	W
Camp News, <i>gift</i> ,	"	"	H.	M
Catholic Standard,	"	"	G.	W
Christian Recorder, <i>gift</i> ,	"	"	G.	"
Christian Standard, <i>gift</i> ,	"	"	G.	"
Christian Statesman, <i>gift</i> ,	"	"	G.	"
Chronicle-Herald,	"	"	E. 17 & 27,	D
Commercial List,	"	"	D. 26,	W
Day, <i>gift</i> ,	"	"	E. 28 & 34,	D
Demokrat,	"	"	E. 15,	"
Evening News, <i>gift</i> ,	"	"	E. 11 & 29,	"
Evening Bulletin,	"	"	E. 30, 39, 40, 42, 43,	"
Evening Star,	"	"	E. 32 & 33,	"
Evening Telegraph,	"	"	E. 31, 35, 36, 38,	"
Frankford Dispatch, <i>gift</i> ,	"	"	F. 15,	W
Frankford Gazette, <i>gift</i> ,	"	"	E. 14,	"
Frankford Herald, <i>gift</i> ,	"	"	E. 14,	"
Germantown Telegraph,	"	"	E. 14,	"
Inquirer,	"	"	D. 40, 41,	D
Jewish Record, <i>gift</i> ,	"	"	G.	W
Legal Intelligencer,	"	"	E. 32,	"
Legal & Ins. Reporter, <i>gift</i> ,	"	"	J.	S. M
Lutheran Observer, <i>gift</i> ,	"	"	G.	W

Manayunk Sentinel, <i>gift</i> ,	Pennsylvania, Philadelphia,	F. 15,	W
Mind and Matter, <i>gift</i> ,	" "	I.	"
North American,	" "	D. 38, 39,	D
Phil. Grocer, <i>gift</i> ,	" "	H.	W
Phil. Intelligencer, <i>gift</i> ,	" "	J.	M
Post and Camp, <i>gift</i> ,	" "	F. 11,	W
Practical Farmer, <i>gift</i> ,	" "	I.	"
Press,	" "	D. 27, 28,	D
Progress,	" "	D. 29,	W
Public Ledger,	" "	D. 35, 36, 37,	D
Quaker City Review, <i>gift</i> ,	" "	F. 11,	W
Record,	" "	D. 30, 31,	"
Railway World,	" "	J.	W
Saturday Evening Post,	" "	I.	"
Saturday Night,	" "	H.	"
Sunday Dispatch,	" "	E. 41,	"
Sunday Mercury,	" "	E. 41,	"
Sunday Mirror, <i>gift</i> ,	" "	F. 11,	"
Sunday Republic,	" "	E. 37,	"
Sunday Times,	" "	E. 30,	"
Sunday Transcript,	" "	E. 37,	"
Sunday World, <i>gift</i> ,	" "	E. 30,	"
Textile Record,	" "	I.	M
The Times,	" "	D. 32, 33, 34,	D
Trade Journal, <i>gift</i> ,	" "	H.	W
West Phila. Telephone, <i>gift</i> ,	" "	F. 11,	"
Commercial Gazette,	" Pittsburgh,	E. 2,	D
East Ender, <i>gift</i> ,	" "	E. 5,	W
Insurance World, <i>gift</i> ,	" "	J.	M
Montgomery Ledger, <i>gift</i> ,	" Pottstown,	D. 5,	W
Miner's Journal,	" Pottsville,	E. 13,	D
Standard, <i>gift</i> ,	" "	D. 10,	W
Eagle,	" Reading,	E. 1,	"
Keystone Gazette, <i>gift</i> ,	" Waynesboro,	D. 9,	"
Independent, <i>gift</i> ,	" Waynesburg,	D. 9,	"
Daily Local News, <i>gift</i> ,	" West Chester,	E. 11,	D
The Jeffersonian, <i>gift</i> ,	" "	D. 3,	W
Wilkes-Barre Record, <i>gift</i> ,	" Wilkes-Barre,	E. 7,	D & W
Manuf. & Farmers' Journal,	Rhode Island, Providence,	F. 3,	S, W
News and Courier,	S. Carolina, Charleston,	B. 4,	D
Chronicle,	Tennessee, Knoxville,	B. 14,	W
Appeal,	" Memphis,	B. 16,	"
Rugbeian,	" Rugby,	B. 15,	"
Dispatch, <i>gift</i> ,	Texas, Austin,	A. 12,	D
Deseret News,	Utah, Salt Lake,	A. 6,	S. W
Herald,	" "	A. 6,	W

Vermont Watchman,	.	Vermont,	Montpelier,	F. 2,	W
Jeffersonian Repub., <i>gift</i> ,	.	Virginia,	Charlottesville,	B. 2,	"
Dispatch,	.	"	Richmond,	B. 3,	D
Industrial South, <i>gift</i> ,	.	"	"	B. 2,	W
Post-Intelligencer, <i>gift</i> ,	.	Washington,	Seattle,	A. 2,	"
Transcript,	.	"	Olympia,	A. 2,	"
Intelligencer,	.	W. Virginia,	Wheeling,	B. 1,	S. W
Sentinel,	.	Wisconsin,	Milwaukee,	A. 31,	D
Leader,	.	Wyoming,	Cheyenne,	L.	W
Independence Belge,	.	Belgium,	Brussels,	F. 28,	D
Nova Scotian,	.	Canada,	Halifax,	F. 10,	W
Witness,	.	"	Montreal,	F. 12,	"
Chronicle,	.	"	Quebec,	F. 14,	"
Globe,	.	"	Toronto,	F. 13,	"
Two Republics,	.	Mexico,	Mexico,	F. 26,	"
Star and Herald,	.	New Granada,	Panama,	F. 30	"
Mercury,	.	England,	Liverpool,	F. 40,	"
Economist,	.	"	London,	F. 42,	"
Investor's Monthly,	.	"	"	F. 43.	M
Lloyd's Weekly,	.	"	"	F. 37,	W
Telegraph,	.	"	"	F. 38,	D
Times,	.	"	"	F. 36,	"
Times,	.	"	Manchester,	F. 35,	W
La Presse,	.	France,	Paris,	F. 29,	D
Northern Whig,	.	Ireland,	Belfast,	F. 33,	W
Nation,	.	"	Dublin,	F. 31,	"
Journal,	.	"	Londonderry,	F. 32,	S. W
News,	.	New Zealand,	Auckland.	F. 39,	W
Scotsman,	.	Scotland,	Edinburgh,	F. 34,	"

LIST OF PERIODICALS

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Those marked * are kept at the desk, and will be given out on application.

Academy,	London,	W	121
African Repository, <i>gift</i> ,	Wash.	M	1
*Aldine,	N. Y.,	M	3
All the Year Round,	London,	M	3
American,	Philad'a,	W	122
American Agriculturist,	N. Y.,	M	123
*American Architect,	N. Y.,	W	4
American Bookseller,	N. Y.,	M	6
American Catholic Quarterly Review,	Philad'a,	Q	7
American Church Review,	N. Y.,	Q	8
American Journal of Homœopathic Materia			
Medica, <i>gift</i> ,	Philad'a,	Q	9
American Journal of Medical Sciences,	Philad'a,	Q	10
American Journal of Mathematics,	Baltimore,	Q	124
American Journal of Pharmacy,	Philad'a,	M	12
American Journal of Philology,	Baltimore,	Q	11
American Journal of Science,	New Haven,	M	13
American Law Review,	Boston,	M	14
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